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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Restriction of September 20, 2005, the period for response to which has been extended to December 20, 2005 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.